## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, voting is one of the most fundamental rights given to citizens of our Nation, whereby citizens may exercise their ability to choose representation in a free and fair environment; and

WHEREAS, this fundamental right to cast a ballot and participate in the electoral process is the cornerstone of our Republic; and

WHEREAS, countless men and women in the Armed Forces have given their lives to defend this fundamental right since the founding of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Mississippians should be mindful there are many other countries whose citizens' ability to cast a ballot is nonexistent or the results preordained; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates approximately 2.27 million people reside in Mississippi who are of voting age; and

WHEREAS, every qualified Mississippian should be registered to vote and exercise their Constitutional right; and

WHEREAS, every qualified Mississippian who is already registered has a duty to ensure his or her registration information is accurate and up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, the voter registration process in Mississippi has been more convenient than ever before, with mail-in applications available to download online and other resources available on Y'all Vote, <a href="https://www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov">www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov</a>, Mississippi's Online Voter Information Center:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2019 as:

## VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** in the City of Jackson, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

PHIL BRYANT GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR. SECRETARY OF STATE